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SUBJECT: SADAT'S RETURN FROM PARIS: COMMUNIQUE

SUMMARY: LOCAL PRESS SPLASHES "COLOSSALLY SUCCESSFUL" SADAT TRIP TO PARIS, PUBLISHING JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND EXCERPTS FROM SADAT'S PARIS CONFERENCE. NEWSPAPERS UNDERSTANDABLY HIGHLIGHT APPARENT ACQUISITION OF FRENCH ARMS, BUT DO NOT SUPPRESS INFORMATION THAT DELIVERY MAY REQUIRE YEARS. MOST NOTABLE FEATURE IN COMMUNIQUE IS SADAT WILLINGNESS TO SUBSCRIBE TO RES 242 FORMULATION THAT ALL ME STATES HAVE RIGHT TO LIVE BEHIND SECURE, RECOGNIZED BORDERS. NEITHER GENEVA NOR PLO ARE MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE. END SUMMARY.

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS JAN 30 CALLS SADAT'S VISIT TO FRANCE COLOSSAL AND RESOUNDING SUCCESS, REFERRING PARTICULARLY TO GOE/GOF ARMS DEAL REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED IN PARIS. EGYPTIAN PRESS HAD BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY SILENT ON POSSIBILITY  
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OF ACQUIRING FRENCH ARMS UNTIL BANNER HEADLINES JAN 29

ANNOUNCED LIKELIHOOD OF MILITARY DEALS INVOLVING RADARS,  
MISSILES AND MIRAGES.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JAN 29 AND SADAT'S PRESS CONFERENCE  
SAME DAY DOMINATE FRONT PAGES JAN 30. HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNIQUE  
FOLLOW:

A) ARMS DEAL. CERTAIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED TO  
MAKE UP PART OF EGYPT'S WAR LOSSES.

B) ME SETTLEMENT. OMITTING ANY REFERENCE TO GENEVA CONFERENCE,  
COMMUNIQUE DECLARES JUST, PEACEFUL AND LASTING "SETTLEMENT"  
REQUIRES THREE BASIC CONDITIONS:

I. WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORY SINCE 1967.  
II. PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO THEIR OWN HOMELAND.  
III. RECOGNITION OF RIGHT OF ALL STATES IN AREA TO LIVE IN  
PEACE WITH SECURE, RECOGNIZED AND GUARANTEED BORDERS. (COMMENT:  
THIS PHRASE IS LIFTED FROM RES 242, ALTHOUGH 242 DOES NOT  
MENTION WORK "GUARANTEED").

C) ECONOMIC COOPERATION - JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED  
WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF A MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE  
COORDINATION OF PROJECTS. FRANCE AGREES INCREASE FOOD  
AID FOR 1974-1975. EGYPT AGREES ACCEPT SECAM COLOR TV  
SYSTEM, AND BOTH SIDES NOTED ALL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN  
PREVIOUS FINANCIAL AGREEMENT HAVE ENTERED IMPLEMENTATION STAGE,  
PARTICULARLY ABU KIR POWER STATION. THEY NOTED AGREEMENT  
HAD BEEN REACHED TO STUDY SUBWAY SYSTEM FOR CAIRO. THEY  
REVIEWED FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN RECONSTRUCTION AND  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN FIELDS OF ENERGY AND ELECTRICITY  
(INCLUDING NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES), TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS,  
OIL PROSPECTING, PETRO-CHEMICALS, FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDES,  
MINING, AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD INDUSTRIES, TOURISM AND SUEZ  
CANAL ZONE RECONSTRUCTION.

3. PRESIDENT SADAT'S PARIS PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 29 ALSO  
RECEIVES HEAVY PLAY. SALIENT POINTS:

A) MIRAGES. SAAT SAID FRANCE WILL SELL EGYPT AIRCRAFT  
INCLUDING F-1 MIRAGES WHICH WIL BE DELIVERED OVER A NUMBER  
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OF YEARS. EGYPT HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO FINANCE SALES.  
HE SAID EGYPT HAD SMALL NUMBER OF MIRAGES DURING OCTOBER WAR  
BUT DID NOT USE THEM AND REFUSED DISCLOSE NUMBER OF PLANES  
FRANCE WILL NOW SUPPLY.

B) ENERGY. SADAT, SUPPORTING GISCARD INITIATIVE TO CALL  
ENERGY CONFERENCE, SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED SAME THING  
A YEAR AGO TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.

C) FRENCH ROLE IN ME. AT SOME FUTURE STAGE FRANCE SHOULD HAVE ME ROLE, BUT NOT NOW.

D) INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES. IF INTERNATIONAL FORCES ARE TO BE INTRODUCED IN CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES, FORCES SHOULD BE STATIONED ON BOTH SIDES.

E) PALESTINIAN STATE. WEST BANK/GAZA STATE COULD BE A BEGINNING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN STATE, BUT QUESTION OF BORDERS IS UP TO THE PALESTINIANS.

F) SUEZ CANAL. CANAL WILL BE REOPEN WHEN IT IS READY (FOR NAVIGATION), BUT ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW HER FORCES TO ENSURE SECURITY OF NAVIGATION. ACCORDING TO CONSTANTINOPLE CONVENTION, ISRAELI SHIPS MAY NOT PASS THROUGH CANAL UNTIL STATE OF WAR IS TERMINATED.

G) USG RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIANS. SADAT SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AFTER RABAT VITAL IMPORTANCE OF PALESTINIANS IN CONTEXT ME ISSUE. "I THINK THE AMERICANS WILL RECOGNIZE THIS."

H) GROMYKO. SADAT "HOPED" GROMYKO'S VISIT TO CAIRO WOULD SETTLE OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN GOE AND USSR.

4. REPORTING ON INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN OUTCOME OF PARIS VISIT, LOCAL PRESS CITES AFP FROM TEL AVIV AS SAYING ISRAELI MILITARY EXPERTS BELIEVE ARMS DEAL WITH FRANCE WILL ENABLE GOE TO ESTABLISH MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AS URGED BY RABAT SUMMIT.

5. COMMENT: ONLY IN CONTEXT OF AIRCRAFT HIJACKING DOES SADAT, UNCLASSIFIED

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AS REPORTEDLY LOCALLY, MENTION THE PLO. IN ALL OTHER CONTEXTS IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE, HE TALKS ABOUT THE "PALESTINIANS". THIS IS SO UNUSUAL THAT MANY HERE WILL TAKE THE OMISSION AS DELIBERATE SLAP AT PLO LEADERSHIP, WHICH IS CONTINUING ITS PUTLIC "CAMPAIGN OF CASTING DOUBT" ON EGYPT'S ARABISM.  
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